

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE WYOMING DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AT ITS NEXT REGULAR MEETING

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2020 AT 1:00 P.M.  
HELD ELECTONICALLY VIA ZOOM  
CITY OF WYOMING, MICHIGAN

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeff Baker, Steve Harkema, Doug Kochneff, Dan Lynema (joined at 1:08 p.m), Mayor Poll, Lillian Jennie VanHorn, Lillian Vanderveen

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Megan Sall, Jennifer Stowell

OTHERS PRESENT:

**1. Call to Order**

Chairperson Kochneff called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

There were no changes to the October 8, 2019 meeting minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**3. Public Comment on Agenda Items (3 min./person)**

There were no public comments.

**4. Presentations**

There were no presentations.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

Sall reviewed the Balance Sheet and Income Statement with the board.

**6. Budget Approval**

Sall reviewed the 2020-2021 budget with the board. Motion made by Poll, seconded by Lynema to approve the 2020-2021 budget; motion passed unanimously. Sall explained at this time the Chamber of Commerce is unsure if there will be a Metro Cruise this year. The board decided to still donate the \$2500 donation that was budgeted this year to the Chamber of Commerce to help with costs already incurred. Sall asks the board's thoughts about the 2020 Wyoming Gives Back event that is held in December. The board agreed that it is a needed event especially this year with

the pandemic. All said they felt businesses would still donate. Poll suggested writing the request letter to state that we are planning on the event, but if we are unable to hold it due to the pandemic, the donations would be held until the next event.

## **7. Election of Officers**

The board unanimously agreed to re-elect the current officers; Kochneff will remain Chairperson, Poll will remain Vice Chairperson and Vanderveen will remain Secretary.

## **8. Director's Report**

Sall updated the board on the City's current situation during the pandemic and protocols being used, the recent protest/riot that took place in downtown Grand Rapids over the weekend, the City's budget and economic development.

## **9. Public Comment (3min./person)**

There were no public comments.

## **10. Round Table Comments**

Poll explained that he is in constant contact with the City Manager and is extremely proud of the City's leadership during the pandemic and the assistance our staff provided to Grand Rapids with protest/riots that took place over the weekend.

Harkema asked if the City's Inspections Department is working, as he has seen some long grass along 28<sup>th</sup> St. Poll asked Harkema to get the addresses and notify the department. Harkema inquired about a church located within the DDA and the board's position on this, due to not collecting taxes. Sall explained that the zoning of the property falls under the Planning Department and that more than likely the church is renting a space, so the City is collecting taxes from the owner.

Kochneff – asked about the possibility of selling the piece of land located at 28<sup>th</sup> Street and US131. Kochneff was also curious to find out the value of Roger's Plaza Mall since most of the stores are closed. Sall noted a couple years ago the sale price was around fourteen million dollars.

Vanderveen suggested that once the pandemic is over that the board meet to talk about how the DDA can help the local businesses. Sall will call a special meeting as needed.

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

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Jennifer Stowell, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager